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NEWS RELEASE

38th Fatal Collision Driver Identified

Date & Time: Sunday, July 17, 2016 @ 5:20 a.m.
Location: 4800 block of Hondo Pass
Vehicle: 1993 green Chevrolet Silverado
Driver: 39-year old Juan Martinez-Sanchez of El Paso, TX **(DECEASED)**

EL PASO, TEXAS: The Special Traffic Investigations unit of the El Paso Police Department has identified the driver of Sunday's early morning, single vehicle fatal collision as 39-year old Juan Martinez-Sanchez. This investigation continues.

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HISTORY 07-17-2016

El Paso, TX. – The El Paso Police Department's Special Traffic Investigation (STI) unit responded to assist Northeast Patrol with a single vehicle fatal collision early Sunday. The preliminary investigation revealed that a male operator and sole occupant of a Chevrolet Silverado was west on Hondo Pass at a high rate of speed. For unknown reasons the driver lost control of the vehicle and the vehicle left the roadway, striking a utility pole support cable. The driver was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene. STI has identified speed as a contributing factor in this fatal collision. This is the 38th Traffic Fatality of 2016 compared to 29 at this same time last year. The identity of the driver is pending notification of next of kin.

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